

Remarks While Cruising in the Arctic Sea

Saturday June the 29th Commences with a brisk breeze from the S.E. and fair weather. Ship standing by the wind in shore to the S.W. the Watch Employed Boiling, at 1 P.M. lowered & chased a Whale without success, at 2 P.M. lowered again and struck a Whale to the bow boat. & at 2.30 took him to the ship, at 3 Commenced cutting and at 4 P.M. finished, and set the Watch & began to boil at 4 P.M. the Wind shifted in a squall from the West, from 12 to 6 P.M. increasing strong breezes from the N.W. at 8 P.M. double reefed the top sails, at 10 spoke the Ship Huntville of Cold Spring & Whale, at 10.30 kept off S.E. the Wind moderating & veering to the Eastward the land in sight 20 miles off, Lat by Obs 62.58

Sunday June the 30th Commences without moderate breeze from the E.N.E. Ship heading by the Wind to the S.E. from 4 to 7 P.M. the wind veered to the S.W. with cloudy weather, at 7 veered Ship to the Eastward, the Watch Employed Boiling, the Middle part increasing breeze with heavy weather, at 2 P.M. veered Ship to the S.W. at 1 Strong gale with rain & rugged weather, took in the jib & fore & mizen top sails at 12 M. wore Ship to the E by N. Ends with strong gales and rainy rugged weather, so ends the Month of June

Monday July the first 1850 there 24 hours Commence with a strong gale from the S.E. attended with rain & rugged weather, the Ship with double reefed main top sail & fore sail set heading E by N. the Watch Employed Boiling, from ten to 11 P.M. heavy gales with a large sea, the wind veering to the East, at 4 P.M. wind from the E.N.E. with rain & snow some time veered Ship to the S.E. the latter part more moderate, with rain the Watch Employed Boiling & running the oil into the Tanks
Lat by Obs 63.18 North

Tuesday July the 2nd Commences with a strong gale from the E.N.E. with thick rainy weather & a turbulent sea, Ship lying under double reefed main top sail, & fore sail, heading S.E., the Watch Employed Boiling, at 7 P.M. veered Ship to the North, the Middle part more moderate with thick fog at 5 P.M. veered Ship to the South, wind from the E.S.E. at 8 P.M. set the fore & mizen top sails double reefed and set the jib, the latter part a strong breeze with fog and rain at intervals, saw one Whale & fore Ship,
Lat by Obs 63.00

Wednesday July the 3rd Commences with a strong breeze from the E.S.E. attended with fog & a cold rain Ship with double reefed top sails set heading to the South, the Watch Employed Boiling, at 2 P.M. spoke the Ship Typha of Stonington one Whale this season, at 4 P.M. parted the fore & mizen top sails & jib at 10 P.M. finished Boiling, the Middle part a moderate gale and thick fog the latter part inclining to a calm with thick weather, at 1 P.M. spoke the Ship Abraham Howland of New Bedford 2100, all hands employed breaking out the fore hatch way to stow the oil

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Thursday the 4th of July 1776 Commences with a calm and thick weather all hands Employed Striking oil, at 4 P.M. set the Watch and continued striking through the night, the latter part a light breeze and some haze, several Whales in sight the land in sight to the S.W. Dist 40 miles, Nothing of the Whale kind lost by Obs 63.00

Friday July the 5th 1850 Commences with a light breeze from the Eastward and heavy weather all hands Employed Striking oil, at 2 P.M. spoke the Ship Huntville and we set all sail & kept off together N.N.W. the Middle & latter part calm & heavy, the Watch Employed striking oil several sail in sight, but no Whale, Lat by Obs 63.20 North

Saturday July the 6th continues calm and heavy, at 3 P.M. took a light breeze from the East with a shower of rain, at 5 saw a Whale & lowered four Boats and chased him until 8 P.M. without success, came on board & kept off N.N.W. with all sail set, Middle & latter part moderate breezes and heavy thick weather at 10 P.M. saw a small Whale & chased him without success, the land bearing N.N.W. by Compass Dist 5 leagues
Lat by Obs 64.30 North, Long by Chron 179.30 West

Sunday July the 7th Commences with a moderate breeze from the N.E. with fair weather, the Ship with all sail set by the wind heading in towards the land, in company with the Ship Huntville, at 1 P.M. bent the larboard chain & got the anchor off the bow, at 2 P.M. veered Ship heading off shore and spoke the Ship Huntville, at 3.30 took Ship heading in shore, at 7 a light baffling air, and veered Ship off shore, some time bounded and got ground in 14 fathoms several California Whales in sight, the Middle part a light air from the N.W. and fair weather, Ship with all sail set heading N.N.E. the latter part fine pleasant weather with light air from the Westward inclining to a calm, Nothing of the Whale kind lost by Obs 65.07 North the nearest Land bearing N.N.W. Dist 5 miles

Monday July the 8th at 1 P.M. a breeze sprang up from the S.W. braced about the yards & kept the Ship S.E. the Barometer indicating bad weather, at 4 P.M. spoke the Ship Uncas of New Bedford 1200, the Middle part light air from the North Ship with all sail set steering S.E. the latter part calm & pleasant, saw two Whale going quick 14 sail in sight Lat by Obs 64.21

Tuesday July the 9th Commences calm & pleasant, several Ship, in sight but no Whales, at 10 P.M. saw two Whales, going quick, lowered and chased them without success, at 11 a breeze from the South with rain Ship heading E.S.E. with all sail set, at 4 increasing breezes & furled the fore & mizen top gallant sails and flying jib, the latter part strong breezes with rain and rugged weather, at 6 P.M. struck a Whale to the larboard, and at 12 M. got him dead, blowing strong with rugged thick weather,